

# Kansas Kids Can...

# Get Caught Recycling!

## CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

### with a Pop-up Tree Card

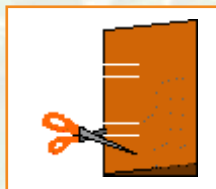
#### Supplies needed:

- 3 pieces of construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue
- Optional: Markers, stickers, glitter or glitter glue



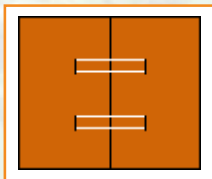
Fold two pieces of construction paper in half. One piece will be the outside of the card; one piece will be the inside.

On the inner card, make four short, parallel cuts along the fold line.

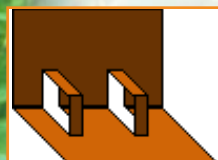


The cuts should be in two pairs.

Fold over the flaps that were formed by the cuts.



Unfold the folds you just made and open up the card.



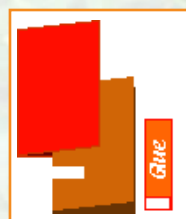
Push up the flaps made by the cuts. These will be the tree trunks.

Close the card so that the flaps are inside the card.



Cut out two tree shapes from green paper. Make sure that the trees will fit inside the card when it is closed.

Glue trees to the paper trunks. Close the card. Glue the other folded piece of construction paper onto the outside of the card. Make sure you don't glue the place where the trees are.



You're done!

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## Arbor Day!

National Arbor Day is celebrated in Kansas on March 31. This US holiday encourages tree planting and tree care. Arbor Day was begun by J. Sterling Morton (editor of the Nebraska City News) in Nebraska in 1872. The idea was to create a holiday that celebrates the planting of trees for fruit, shelter, shade, beauty, soil conservation, and fuel.

What's your favorite kind of tree?

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## Earth Day!

Celebrate Earth Day - Every Day

On April 22, all over the globe, people will celebrate a clean earth and participate in various Earth Day activities. There are many ways you can join in on Earth Day, like doing the dishes - Everyday chores can help save energy. When doing the dishes, washing them by hand requires 37% less water than the dishwasher.

True or False: Taking a bath instead of a shower gets you cleaner.  
**FALSE!** Plus baths use three times as much water!

## Saving Energy

### Tips for Kids & Teachers:

1. Choose an energy monitor for your classroom every week who will make sure that energy is being used properly.
2. At home, hold a ribbon up to the edges of windows and doors. If it blows, you've found a leak. Tell your parents.
3. When you leave the room, turn off the light.

## FUN FACTS!

- 1) Recycling just one aluminum can save as much energy as it takes to drive over a mile in a car!
- 2) 75% of what Americans throw in the trash could actually be recycled. Currently, only 25% is.
- 3) The aluminum can is 100% recyclable and can be used to make new beverage cans ~ demonstrating recycling at its finest! "Every can, every time!"
- 4) Every Sunday 500,000 trees could be saved if everyone recycled their newspapers.

## Need to buy a birthday present for someone?

### Here are some GREEN GIFT IDEAS:

- Give a garden: seeds, gloves, tools and gardening book.
- For parents, offer a free night of baby-sitting service.
- Reusable lunch bag and travel mug.
- Bird feeder and seed.
- Stationary made from recycled paper.
- Personalized "coupons" such as a night off from dish duty or "maid for a day."

**KANSAS  
DON'T SPOIL IT!**





# Kansas Kids Say:



Dear Kansas Kids Can,  
We caught Callie recycling in our 1st and 2nd grade classroom. She was taking our recycling can to the big bin. Mrs. Wade's 5th graders collect paper at McCollom Elementary School in Wichita to recycle.  
Thank you, Callie! Glenda VanSant & Students



**Nicole, Kansas City:** When we are all done with the newspaper we put it in the recycling bin at my school.



**De 'Zhanee:** Recycling is important to me because it's bad for the animals and it's just not good.



**Jared, Hays:** I recycle by crushing cans and separating plastic and paper.



**Courtney, Hays:** I recycle paper, cardboard and even milk cartons. I want to save the environment.



**Katie, Yocemento:** We keep cans and take them to the can crushing place.



**Maddie, Clearwater:** I bring pop cans to my school to help recycle.



**Bailey, Hays:** If I print something I don't need anymore, I turn the paper over and put it back in the printer.



**Melea, Hays:** I recycle pop cans and bottles. I recycle so we can have clean water.



**Jaden, Augusta:** I clean up the trash in fields and my yard. I hope that everyone will help by recycling for a better world in the future.

**Ty, Hays:** We put plastic and card board boxes in blue bags.

**Zandria, Lawrence:** I take a bag and hang it in the kitchen to put cans in when we have pop to drink.

**Sarah, Hays:** We have a bin that has all of our recycle things and we take them to the recycle center.

**Katie, Baldwin City:** I recycle cans and I recycle newspapers. I never litter and I try to pick things up off the ground.

**Brittney, Hays:** I think recycling is very important because if we cut down all the trees we won't have paper any more.

## "Get Caught Recycling" Contest

To keep the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse & Recycle) fresh in the minds of all Kansans, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has developed the "Giving Kansas a Fresh Face" Contest. Kansans are encouraged to visit our website, [www.getcaughtrecycling.org](http://www.getcaughtrecycling.org), and submit a short description about creative recycling efforts. Home videos, bloopers, before and after candid shots, digital photos, recycled artwork and original drawings are all welcome!

### I PLEDGE:

to take the time to reduce, reuse & recycle.  
I will seize every opportunity to keep the environment clean for myself and others.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut this pledge out and keep it in your purse, wallet or backpack!

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Prizes for all entries and a grand prize winner will be announced at the Kansas State Fair 2006!



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## Send it in!

We want to know why recycling is important to you! Send in this form with a photo of yourself and we'll put you in the next issue of Kansas Kids Can! Mail to: Kansas Kids Can, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 320, Topeka, KS 66612 or e-mail us at [kkc@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:kkc@kdhe.state.ks.us). Submissions of letters, photos and e-mails by students may be used in part or whole by KDHE, and should be approved by student's parents.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

What do YOU do in your home to recycle?

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Look Who's Been Caught!



**Wayne Simien**, NBA Miami Heat - Former KU All American basketball star. Wayne and his friends know the importance of recycling ~ and they know how to make it fun!

## Get Caught Recycling!

We need your help to find and catch people helping out our environment. If you see someone recycling, tell them THANKS and that they've been caught recycling! Send us a picture of one of your friends you have caught. We can't wait to see for ourselves!



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## So You Want to be a Garbologist?

Garbage has been a part of the human way of life since the time of our prehistoric ancestors. Remains of things that early people made, used and threw away have been discovered at archaeological sites all over the world. Scientific study of prehistoric trash, as well as garbage from ancient civilizations, helps archaeologists learn about the habits of past peoples and the way they lived during different stages of our history. Today, scientists are discovering some useful and startling information about our own civilization by examining what we throw away.

**THE STUDY OF MODERN TRASH** is called "GARBOLGY."

Garbologists take samples of trash from various locations at a landfill. Once separated from the soil, items are weighed, sorted and washed. This helps the garbologist identify dates and markings on the various items. These markings identify who made them, when, and where. When entered into a computer data base, this information can later be analyzed to learn about the kinds of food people ate and the products they used. Before 1950, most containers were glass, not plastic as they are today.

**THAT'S REALLY COOL!**

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